



Bessie HIRONIMUS, Candidate for Executive Secretary

Name and first name	HIRONIMUS, Bessie
Member of	Club Sacramento, BPW USA
Nominated by	BPW USA
Consent of own Affiliate	
For position of	Executive Secretary
BPW Offices	<p>CLUB: Past President: Oroville, John Sutter and Sacramento BPW Clubs From 1974 to 2017</p> <p>DISTRICT: Past President, Executive & Board Member – many Chairman ships, currently serving as District President again From 1980 to 2017</p> <p>STATE: Past State President, Executive and Board Member, Many Chairmanships, currently serving as Parliamentarian and Membership Chair From 1983 to 2017</p> <p>FEDERATION: -BPW/USA: National Board Member, Membership Committee, Membership Diversification Committee Chair, Certified Individual Development Trainer, Delegate to National Convention, and Women’s Agenda Conference, Presenter at National Lobby Days in Washington DC and attended 3 briefings at the White House Representing the National Federation From 1989-1995</p> <p>-EPW-USA: National President 3 years, organized the new National Federation, drafted documents, chartered and chaired it as its first elected president. 5 years Board of Directors member. From 2009-2012</p> <p>REGION: As the EPW-USA president, hosted Regional Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada – USA. From 2010 Coordinator, North America and the Caribbean Region From 2011 to 2017</p> <p>-BPW INTERNATIONAL:</p>

	<p>Page and Hostess Committees, members' interpreter at Congress From 1983</p> <p>BPW/USA delegate, Translator, pre- and post-Congress Board of Directors Meeting, Translation and interpretation to the members during Congress From 1989</p> <p>Chairman, Translations Committee From 1989 to 1991</p> <p>International Board member From 2009 to 2017</p> <p>Member, Executive and International Board From 2011 to 2017</p>
<p>Positions in other Voluntary Organisations</p>	<p><u>California County Boards of Education</u>, Board member, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Vice President, President Elect - From 1985 to 2010</p> <p><u>California School Boards Assoc.</u>, Board Member, Legislative and Nominations Committees, Elected member of Delegate Assembly - From 1985 to 2010</p> <p><u>National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO)</u> Member of the Child Obesity Study Committee - From 1988 to 2010</p> <p><u>AIP, American Institute of Parliamentarians, Sacramento</u> President, Charter member, several Committees - From 1998 to 2017</p> <p><u>Butte County</u>: Chair, Child Care Committee, Coordinating Committee for the Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Prevention Education Program, Chaired Committees On School Districts Organization, Affirmative Action, School District Accreditation, and others</p> <p><u>Oroville Dollars For Scholars Foundation</u> Organizer, Founder and Charter President</p> <p><u>St. Thomas School</u> Chaired Strategic Planning Committee, Advisory Board, Finance Committee</p> <p><u>Lake Oroville Yacht Club</u> Board Member, several Committees, first female Commodore</p> <p><u>Misc. memberships</u>: Soroptimist International, International Lions Club, League of Women Voters, California Elected Women for Education and Research (CEWAER), Women, Family and Work Coalition, Oroville Chamber of Commerce, White House Working Families Task Force.</p>
<p>CV</p>	<p>Professional:</p> <p>Hironimus is a business owner, an Advanced Real Estate Appraiser, State of California, a certified Translator, Simultaneous Interpreter, and trained Parliamentarian. She graduated in business administration and holds certificates from IPAE, Peruvian Institute of Business Administration, and the Executive Development Program with ESAN, the Stanford University Graduate School of Business in Lima, Peru.</p>

Bessie was an elected member of the California County Boards of Education for 26 years, serving on its Executive Board for 9 years. A member of the California School Boards Association, was elected to its Board of Directors, Delegate Assembly, Nominations and the Legislation Committees, and its Executive Committee as Executive Secretary, Parliamentarian, Vice President and President Elect, stepping down to become BPW International Regional Coordinator.

She was selected to a committee of 14 elected officials in California representing the State's County Boards of Education. This Committee of the National Association of Elected Officials (NALEO) studied child obesity issues and drafted a pilot plan for school nutrition which led to the Healthy Kids initiative, changing the way meals are served at schools in the USA. A member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians, she was charter president of the Sacramento Chapter.

Bessie has an extensive background in advocacy and community service on various advisory boards, steering committees and local boards. She founded the Dollars for Scholars Foundation, is a Committee Chair and Ambassador of the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of her Lions International Club, Past Commodore of Oroville Yacht Club, appointed to two State of California Task Forces and worked with the White House Task Force for Working Families.

Bessie started her career as Executive Secretary in a multinational corporation in Lima, Peru, held a key position with high level government officials, including assistant to the Advisor to the President of Peru. Upon moving to California, Bessie was the Executive Secretary to Butte County Assessor, where she advanced to become the first female County Real Estate Appraiser in Northern California.

BPW:


Bessie Hironimus, the BPW International Coordinator for North America and the Caribbean, is a BPW member since 1974. She has served on the BPW International Executive for 6 years and the International Board for 8. She is a member of the California Federation in BPW-USA.

Bessie joined the old BPW/USA Federation when it had over 100,000 members, serving on its Board of Directors for 5 years, the Membership Committee, Chair of Membership Diversity Task Force, Trainer, and California State President, which at the time had 10,000 members and 264 clubs. When BPW/USA folded, Bessie organized and chartered the new EPW-USA serving 4 years as its President. She continues an active role at the national and state levels, currently serving as District President, Parliamentarian, and Membership Chair.

AWARDS:

BPW Woman of Achievement, Woman of the Year, National Above and Beyond Award, The California Lena Award, BPW Life Time Achievement Award, Key to the City of Sacramento, Oroville's Bessie Hironimus Day, Proclamation by Butte County Board of Supervisors, Nominated Oroville

	Citizen of the Year, among many others.
Statement	<p>BPW is an important part of my life. I believe in our objectives and the fight for gender equality. I am an untiring and outspoken advocate to our members and bring commitment to any position or task I assume. I present my candidacy for BPW International Executive Secretary based on my proven track record not only with BPW but with the government and all the organizations I have served.</p> <p>I joined as a Young BPW in 1973. Since then, I have been an involved and contributing member at Club, District, State, National, Region and International levels, often holding several offices concurrently. I have organized and chaired Conferences, Symposiums and Seminars.</p> <p>My experience as CEO and Board member of several organizations and as a government elected official for 26 years administering a budget of US\$85 million and over 800 employees have given me the leadership and administrative background necessary to fully perform my duties in the BPW International Executive.</p> <p>I started my career as an Executive Secretary and Administrative Officer in a multinational corporation, working with high level government officials including the Office of the President of Peru. In my volunteer service I have been CEO, President, Executive Secretary, Parliamentarian, etc. in several State and National non-profit organizations, providing me with an extensive administrative and analytical process experience, good public relations with multigenerational, cross-cultural groups, government agencies, civic and business sector.</p> <p>Qualifications for the position:</p> <p>My experience and full knowledge of the constitutional and procedural matters ensures my ability to advise and support the Affiliates, work with the Constitutional Advisory Committee, support the president, Executive and International Board in an efficient manner. I approach my work with professionalism, energy and enthusiasm. I bring skills and qualifications that are crucial to the job of Executive Secretary.</p> <p>My demonstrated integrity and high ethical standards, confidentiality and dedication during all my terms of office in BPW bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and expertise, which are critical. My education, strong management experience and leadership roles in multiple organizations make me well equipped for this position. My experience includes: two Task Forces with the US White House, the National Association of Elected Officials, board member of California School Boards Association with 1,000 school districts and 5,000 governing board members, and multiple BPW appointed and elected positions for over 4 decades. • Vast knowledge of the BPW Governance, Parliamentary Procedures, administrative and managerial skills. Besides my work with the Executive, I worked two trienniums with the BPW International Constitution Task Force and various other tasks. • I will support, sustain and inspire the creation and continuance of new Affiliates providing professional guidance, training new officers

	<p>and provide procedural assistance to assure their effective participation.</p> <p>I meet the requirements and have the qualifications and experience to fulfill the duties of BPW International Executive Secretary. I ask for your support so I can continue my labor of love with BPW. I am an experienced candidate with:</p> <p><i>Vision – Commitment – Leadership - Integrity – Responsibility – Productivity - Resourcefulness - Focus</i></p>
<p>Supporting Statement</p>	<p>April 18, 2017</p> <p>Business and Professional Women of the United States of America (BPW USA) is proud to nominate Bessie R. Hironimus to BPW International for the position as Executive Secretary.</p> <p>Bessie Hironimus is well known to BPW USA. During years of dedication and service on all levels, Bessie has shown her passion through her dedicated commitment to our USA federation and BPW International. Bessie has deep knowledge and a firm grasp of protocol, governance and parliamentary procedures. Her work in the founding governance of our USA organization is outstanding. While building the organization's membership as a whole in her role as BPW International Regional Coordinator of North America, her knowledge in the issues surrounding the needs of women within our region has been a great asset.</p> <p>BPW USA is delighted that Bessie is willing to continue serving our organization, and we are confident that Bessie will support and fulfill her required Executive Secretary mandate, with professionalism and excitement, while always working hard at maintaining the integrity and image of BPW.</p> <p>She will be a grand ambassador for our organization on the International platform.</p> <p>It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we nominate Bessie R Hironimus for BPW International Executive Secretary.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Elizabeth Benham President </p>